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FOREIGN ASSISTED PROJECTS IN CHHATTISGARH
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) amount of foreign assistance provided to the Governments of Punjab and Chhattisgarh for implementing various development projects;

(b) whether the Union Government monitor the utilization of these funds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE(SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) The project-wise details of foreign assistance provided to the Governments of Punjab and Chhattisgarh for implementing various development projects during the last three years are at Annexure.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The Union Government has taken various steps to improve aid utilization which include ensuring adequate provisioning for externally aided projects in the budgets of State and Central Government, streamlining of procurement procedures, disintermediation of the flow of external aid to Central Public Sector Undertakings, strengthening of Project Monitoring Units in some States and Central Ministries, appointment of Nodal Officers for the States and regular review of projects etc.